

A Simple to Build Ottoman with Storage

DIY Plans to Build a Storage Shelf Ottoman

This ottoman is the simplest of builds... The DIY plans to build a Storage Shelf Ottoman feature an open lower shelf and a padded top. This plan is suitable for those new to woodworking and can definitely be completed in a weekend!



Materials:

- 1-1/4" pocket hole screws
- 2-1/2" pocket hole screws
- Wood glue
- Sandpaper (100, 150, 220 grits)
- Finishing supplies (primer & paint, or stain, sealer)

Lumber:

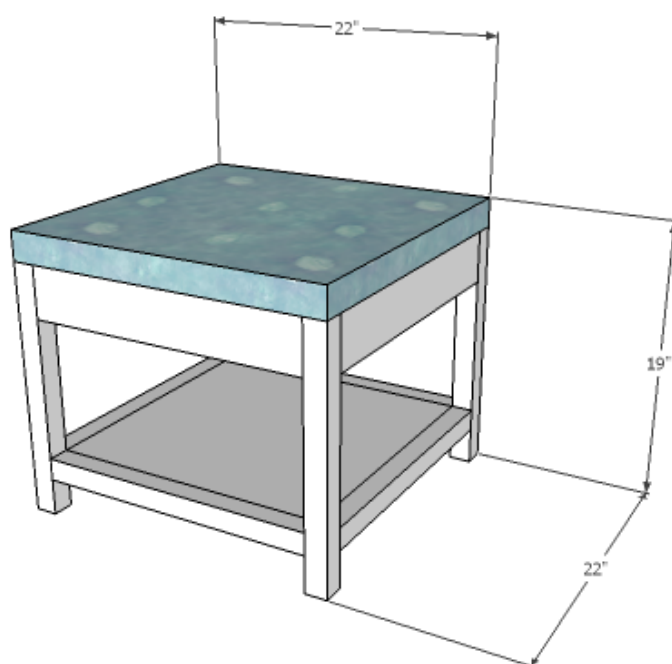
- 2 – 2×2 at 8'
- 1 – 2×3 at 8'
- 1 – 2' x 4' sheet of 3/4" plywood

Cut List:

- 4 – 2×2 at 17" – Legs
- 4 – 2×2 at 19" – Lower Aprons
- 1 – 3/4" plywood at 19" x 19" – Lower Panel
- 4 – 2×3 at 19" – Upper Aprons
- 1 – 3/4" plywood at 19" x 19" – Upper Panel

For the cushion:

- 1 – 24" x 24" x 2" piece of foam (it can be cut to size with a bread knife)
- 1 yard of decorator fabric
- Velcro for the closure (if the cover will be removed to be laundered)

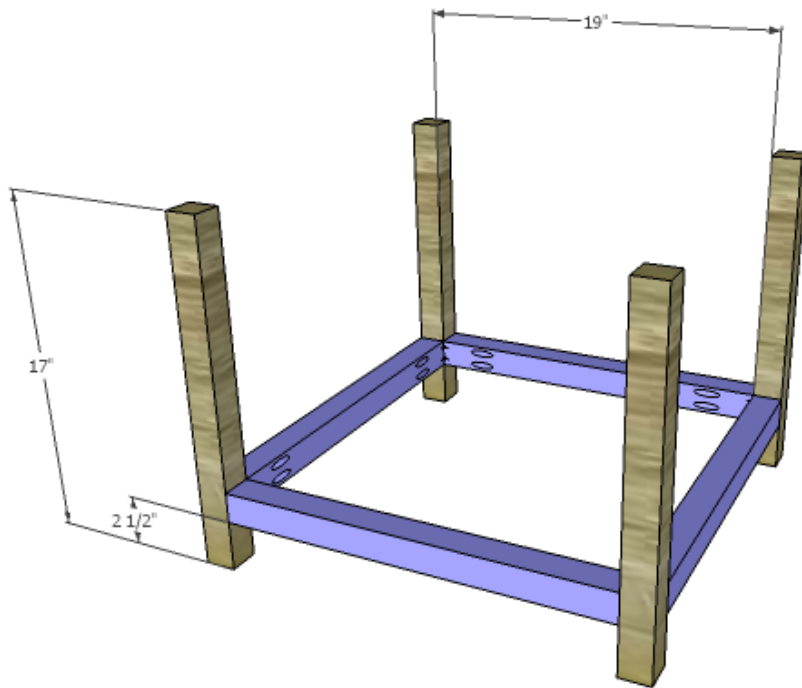


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Step One

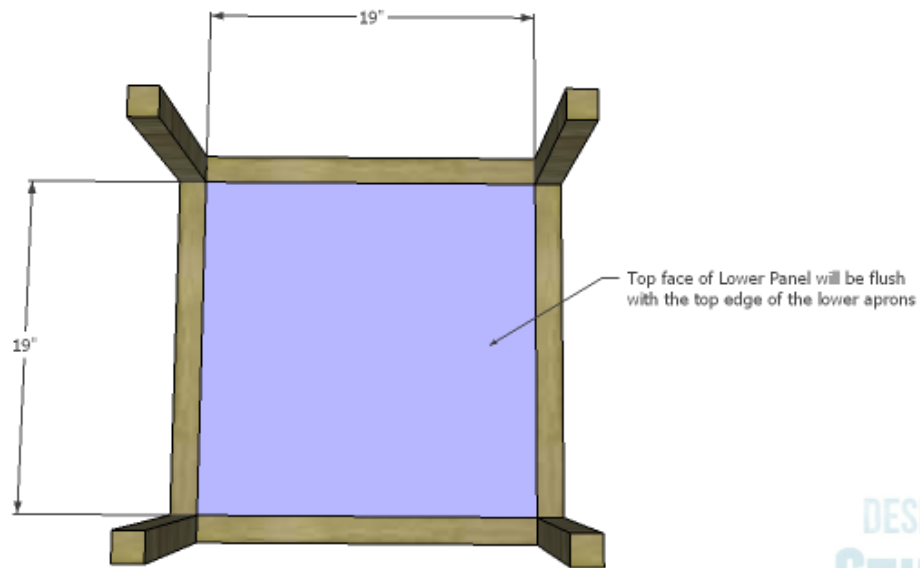
Cut the pieces for the legs and the lower aprons. With the pocket hole jig set for 1-1/2" material, drill pocket holes in each end of the lower apron pieces. Secure the aprons to the legs using glue and 2-1/2" pocket hole screws.



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Step Two

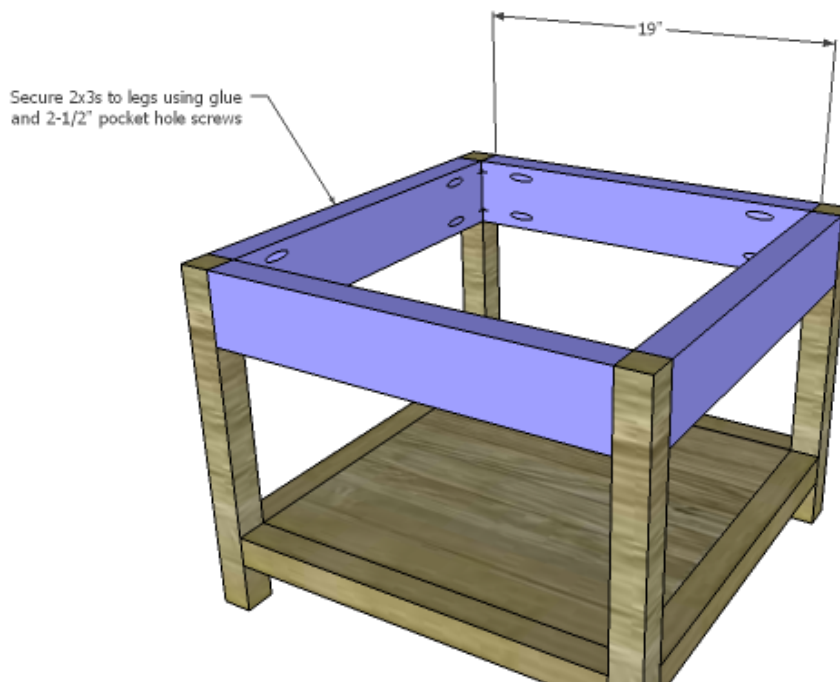
Cut the piece for the lower panel. Set the pocket hole jig for 3/4" material and drill pocket holes in all four edges. Secure the lower panel to the lower aprons using glue and 1-1/4" pocket hole screws. The top face of the panel will be flush with the top edge of the lower aprons.



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Step Three

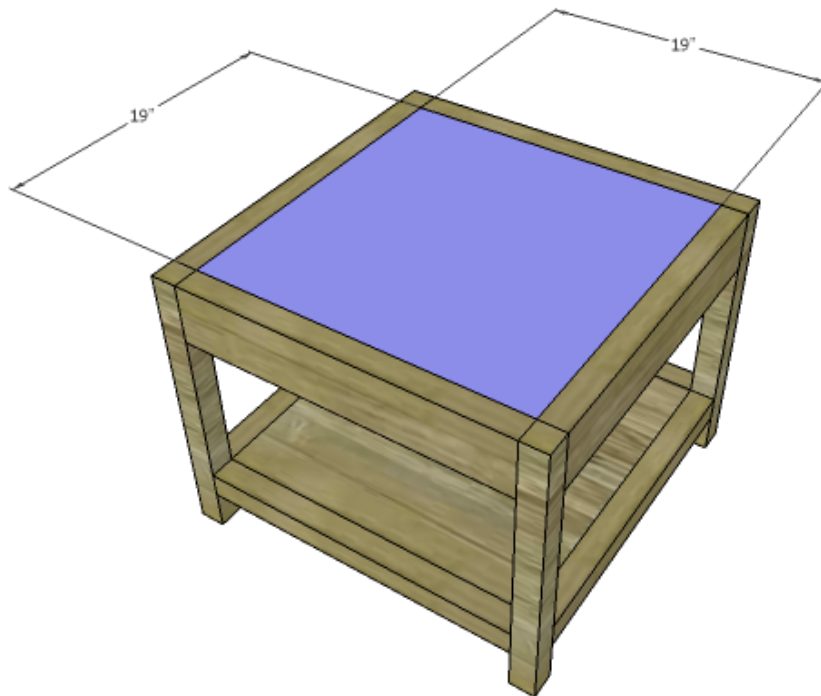
Cut the pieces for the upper aprons. Set the pocket hole jig for 1-1/2" material and drill pocket holes in each end of the upper apron pieces. Secure the aprons to the legs using glue and 2-1/2" pocket hole screws.



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Step Four

Cut the piece for the upper panel. Set the pocket hole jig for 3/4" material and drill pocket holes in all four edges. Secure the upper panel to the upper aprons using glue and 1-1/4" pocket hole screws. The top face of the panel will be flush with the top edge of the upper aprons.

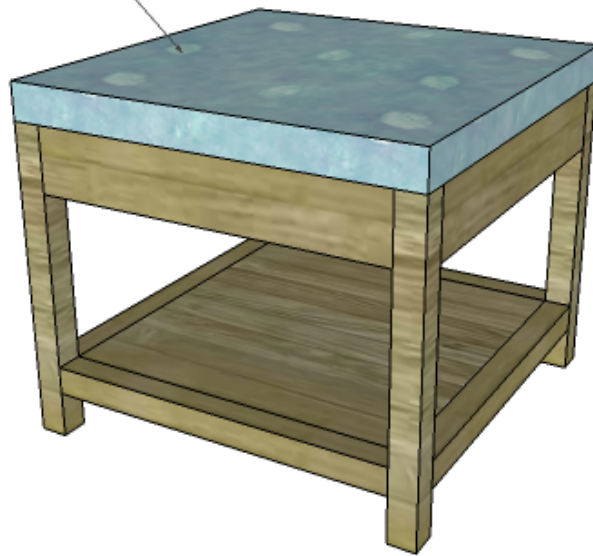


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Finish as desired.

To make the cushions, I have a post about making a basic box cushion [here](#). They are very detailed and easy to follow!

The cushion will be made to fit the top



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This ottoman is the perfect place to relax your feet and keep reading material or a knitting project close by! Have any questions about the DIY plans to build a Storage Shelf Ottoman? Leave a comment below!